

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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EXPENDITURE ON ADDITIONAL TROOPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred on additional troops built upon International Border during Operation Parakram between India and Pakistan;
- (b) the number of Army personnel were deployed along borders in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab during this conflict; and
- (c) the number of Army personnel lost their lives from these additional troops during this period?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): In December, 2001 the offensive and defensive formations of the Indian Army were mobilised under Operation Parakram, along the International Border with Pakistan. The Government later decided in October 2002, to strategically redeploy the troops under Operation Parakram with the objective to respond aggressively and decisively to any emergency on the International Border. Therefore, the expenditure incurred on mobilisation and present redeployment of troops under Operation Parakram can be assessed only after the redeployment is complete.

(c) During Operation Parakram up to July 2003, a total number of 798 Army personnel suffered fatal casualties. However, no separate record of casualties to additional troops is maintained.